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In re the Application of:

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SYSTEM AND DIGITAL VIDEO
RECORDING/REPRODUCING
APPARATUS

Art Unit: 2615

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Species 1 (Figs. 19-20) of Group I (claims 1-7, 9, 12-16, 27-36, 38, 50-54 and 56-75 directed to video recording and reproduction apparatus classified in class 386/46) in the present application.

However, applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims 1-81, is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that the present application be examined

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according to MPEP § 803 so as to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to the Applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

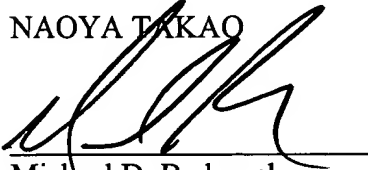
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